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MINORITY COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. SPEAKER:

A minority of your committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures, which met March 28, 2001 to consider House Resolution 45, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it be amended as follows:

Delete SECTIONS 5 through 6 and insert:

"SECTION 5. That in drawing districts for the members of the Indiana General Assembly and the United States House of Representatives, the bill drafters shall make every effort to comply with existing constitutional, statutory and case law. In furtherance of this effort, the Indiana General Assembly district boundaries should meet the following objective criteria:

- a. The relative population deviation between any House district shall not deviate from the ideal district population by more than one percent (1%). Due to the advancement in computer mapping technology, there should be no retrogression on this due to advancement in population.
- b. There will be no retrogression from the House and Senate redistricting plans adopted in 1991 in terms of the number of districts which contain a voting age majority of African-American citizens or the members of any other recognizable racial or ethnic minority, and the ability of African-American citizens or the members of any other recognizable racial or ethnic minority to elect a representative of choice.
- c. Districts should be compact and promote the ideal of fair representation, with the aggregate length of all district boundaries not exceeding by more than ten percent (10%) the aggregate length of any redistricting plan submitted by any legislator that achieves the population deviation and non-retrogression principles set forth above.

SECTION 6. That in drawing districts for the Indiana House of Representatives and Senate due consideration will be given to the creation of minority influence districts in situations in which a reasonably compact minority voting age population could exceed thirty-five percent (35%) of the voting age population in a district. Minority influence district, which permits the minority population to influence the election of representatives of choice, will be created where there exists racially polarized voting and where the creation of minority influence districts does not conflict with the traditional redistricting criteria of compactness, contiguity, equality of population, respect for significant and long standing communities of interest and the non-retrogression of majority-minority districts.

SECTION 7. That the House or Representatives will apply the standards set forth in Section 5 and 6 above to any House redistricting plan adopted in 2001 and will seek to have the foregoing standards passed into law to apply to both House and Senate districts.

SECTION 8. That a copy of this resolution shall be entered in the Journal of the House of Representatives and given to each member of the House of Representatives."

Representative Munson